

## **National Association of Exotic Pest Plant Councils**

2002 Annual Meeting-Ashville, NC

Draft Minutes

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NA-EEPC Annual Meeting and EPPC Forum, October 3, 2002; in association with the Natural Areas Association Annual Conference, Ashville, NC

Lisa Smith chaired for Kris Johnson who was unable to attend.

Written reports from each EPPC have been solicited and will be provided as attachments as the minutes are amended. Attendees, their affiliations and e-mail addresses are listed at the end of the minutes.

### **State and Regional EPPC updates**

Note: The usual state and regional EPPC updates were given during a special NAA NA-EPPC Forum held from 3:50-5:50, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, prior to the evening business meeting. The following minutes record only the business meeting. Written materials have been received from member chapters that summarize the forum presentations and the annual activities of each participating group and may be obtained from Brian Bowen or Lisa Smith.

NA-EPPC 2003 Annual Business Meeting, Ashville NC 2002

Meeting began 7:00 p.m.

### **Planning the 2003 NA-EPPC Annual Meeting**

Thomas Meyers and Randy Hoffman were introduced as program co-chairs for the National Area Association 2003 annual meeting to be held in Madison Wisconsin. They wanted input on how they could best accommodate next years NA-EPPC meeting. Nelroy Jackson asked for two hours on Thursday for NA-EPPC. Brian Bowen volunteered to be point person for contact on arrangements. Kelly Kearns will be program chair for an invasive species symposium to be held in conjunction with that meeting. She anticipated 60 slots for talks to fill the all-day Saturday meeting. Besides attendance by NAA participants an estimated addition of 200 people are anticipated for that symposium.

### **NA-EPPC Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

Brian Bowen stated the purpose of the MOU: A unifying document of an association that has membership...that it was an enabling document. At the time of this meeting (Oct 3, 2002) the following groups had ratified the NA-EPPC MOU:

North Carolina, Cal-EPPC, FL-EPPC, IPAW, IP of NY state, Kentucky, Michigan, Mid-Atlantic, TN-EPPC, SE-EPPC. The following groups had not responded:GA-EPPC, Pac-NW, New England, Mississippi. Nelroy recommended we list only those that have positively indicated their official inclusion.

### **NA-EPPC Liability Insurance**

Nelroy Jackson described liability insurance obtained by CAL-EPPC to protect the Board of Directors at \$1,000,000. He passed a handout that outlined insurance via the Conserve the Nation Program for Non-profits through the Land Trust Alliance. Reid Schuller interjected that to participate the group must be a supporter of the Land Trust Alliance. Reid reported that NAA pays \$900 per year for their liability insurance. Brian offered two models for obtaining insurance. One option was to operate as one organization that would cover 6,000 members (such as SE-EPPC). Another option was for each EPPC organization represented by a board structure be covered individually. Lisa Smith said that MA-EPPC contacted Cal-EPPC regarding insurance for their group and found it too expensive. Nelroy suggested a “council of presidents” model for NA-EPPC. Other discussion ensued as to insurance being yet another reason to formalize a national organization of EPPCs. Brian asked for the formation of a working group/steering committee to investigate organization structure needed to become a recognized national organization (i.e. 501 C3 status). Nelroy wanted someone to draft by-laws.

### **St. Louis Declaration**

Brian Bowen asked if NA-EPPC wanted to have a letter of endorsement for the declaration. Michael Huston moved to encourage its endorsement. Lisa Smith recommended each EPPC send individual chapter endorsements. Mike Bodle made this motion and it was seconded by Jack Ranney. The vote was unanimous.

### **Grant Opportunities**

Jack Ranney described two proposals submitted to the national Council on Science for Sustainable Forestry. The proposals linked forestry growth to invasive species issues. Neither proposal was funded. Jack suggested resubmitting a proposal that would include the talent around the table. He was willing to disseminate information as it came available. Kim Herman was willing to offer names of Great Lakes ecologists that might be interested in working on such a proposal. Michael Huston noted that Ann Bortuscen from TNC is on the board of NCSFF. It was suggested by several attendees that grants are needed to provide state natural areas funds for weed management. Nelroy said he is a contact person for EQIP and NRCS.

### **Upcoming Events**

Nelroy Jackson gave an overview of the upcoming conference “Invasive Plants in Natural and Managed Systems: Linking Science and Management” to be held November 3-7, 2003 in Fort Lauderdale. It will be hosted by ESA and WSSA. Brian Bowen described an upcoming session that NA-EPPC would be participating at Chicago in conjunction with a conference hosted by the Chicago Botanical Gardens Oct. 29th, 2002. This would also include a meeting of Mid-western states interested in the creation of a regional EPPC organization.

At 8:50 there was a move to adjourn by Linda Tyson....second by Kim Herman

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